

that twelve young women and men from Central New Jersey will be enrolling in America's service academies this year. They are the very best of an exceptional group, and I was proud to nominate them.

Five young men from the area will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, to be commissioned as officers in the United States Army. I would like to recognize Kenneth Elgort of Montgomery, Ivan Eno of Interlaken, Chris Larsen of Princeton, Eric Schlieber of Raritan, and Balint Simsik of Ringoes.

Four young people from Central New Jersey will be attending the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, to be commissioned as officers in the United States Navy. I would like to recognize Brant DeBoer of Monroe, Brandis Kemp of Pittstown, Brian Richards of Sergeantsville, and Joshua Wort of Tewksbury.

One young man from my district will be attending the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, to be commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. I would like to recognize Bryan Kelly of South Brunswick.

Two young women from Central New Jersey will be attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy. I would like to recognize Lindsay Elgart of Middletown and Victoria Millar of Princeton.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the House joins me in noting the accomplishments of these young men and women, and in wishing them the best of luck at the service academies and in their careers.

TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI STATE
HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER
EVERETT H. MORGAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Corporal Everett Morgan, of Lafayette County, Missouri, recently retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 35 years of outstanding service.

Corporal Morgan has dutifully served the citizens of Missouri for three decades. He was born in Corder, Missouri, and later graduated from Corder High School. Corporal Morgan then attended Central Missouri State University. In 1963 Everett joined the U.S. Army and served for six years at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Still, Oklahoma. While serving in the U.S. Army, Corporal Morgan attended and graduated from Missouri State Highway Patrol Recruit Training.

Corporal Morgan's first assignment was to Troop A, in Jackson County, Missouri. He served Zone's 1 and 4 before being promoted to Corporal and assigned to Zone 7. Corporal Morgan served the last five years in the Gaming Division until retiring on April 1, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Corporal Morgan has dedicated 35 years to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, serving with honor and distinction. I know that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members and leadership of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police for the vital role they play in supporting law enforcement throughout the state and for their far-reaching volunteer efforts and unparalleled generosity.

The National Fraternal Order of Police is well-known for standing sentinel for more than 290,000 men and women in law enforcement across America, including 12,000 members in more than 50 lodges in Michigan. For many years, the organization has protected and defended the interests of its members and their families in public policy debates and other forums that help formulate rules and legislation affecting the way police officers do their job, including recently spearheading an effort for tuition waivers for survivors of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Under the strong leadership of Executive Director John Buczek and President Kevin Sommers, the organization, does much more than address the critical concerns of its members. It also has a well-deserved and laudable reputation for responding to local communities and charities with donations and service that greatly enhance the image of police officers as the trusted, kind and dependable keepers of the peace that children and others in need can turn to for assistance.

In particular, members of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police deserve high praise for their collective and individual support of many charities, sports teams, scholarship programs and post-prom parties on behalf of young people statewide. Each year, the organization awards \$20,000 in scholarships to Michigan eighth-graders for an essay contest designed to encourage students to say no to drugs and alcohol. They also operate a children's identification program in association with Wal-Mart Corporation and just began a Kids and Cops at the Circus program, which allowed them to take 1,000 children to the Shrine Circus. Additionally, the group fields a team of runners in the Special Olympics Torch Run, raising over \$10,000 for people with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to the members and leadership of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police for their good will and big-heartedness and in wishing them continued success in all their noble endeavors.

THE OHIO LATINO ARTS
ASSOCIATION 2001 CONFERENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Ohio Latino Arts Association 2001 Conference, "El Milenio Latino," to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

This year the Ohio Latino Arts Association, OLAA, will be celebrating a year in the arts in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio at the Museum of

Art. Their theme, "El Milenio Latino," the Latino Millennium, embodies the diversity and ethnicity involved with this very special conference.

The organization's mission is to "identify, preserve, promote, and develop Latino cultural expression." This conference will further that mission through keynote speakers, art workshops, panel discussions, and many other activities. Cultural expression and diversity will be a key theme throughout the entire weekend, as people from all walks of life gather to celebrate their differences.

Over 500 visitors are expected to attend this conference sponsored by a network of Latino cultural arts organizations and artists. The Ohio Latino Arts Association thrives to encourage the development of a "first voice" for Latinos in the arts, and this weekend is a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of the Ohio Latino Arts Association for their many years of dedicated service and their Ninth Annual Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Vote 126 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "yea". I am proud of our Pearl Harbor veterans and the thousands of young men who gave their lives for their country that day.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "GLOBAL
ACCESS TO HIV/AIDS PREVEN-
TION, AWARENESS, EDUCATION,
AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2001"

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, the time has come once again for the United States to lead the world in surmounting one of the most compelling humanitarian and moral challenges of our time. I speak of the HIV/AIDS pandemic that threatens the stability of both the developing and developed world—a crisis unparalleled in modern times.

The statistics are chilling, Mr. Speaker. Over 22 million people have died of AIDS throughout the world. More than 3 million died last year alone. That is over 8,000 deaths each day, or nearly one death every six minutes. What is most alarming is that the number of infections and deaths is growing and the pandemic is quickly spreading from sub-Saharan Africa to India, China, and Russia. An incredible 36 million people are infected with HIV today—and 15,000 new infections occur each day. Tragically, most of the dramatic increase in infection rates is in poor countries where education, awareness, and access to healthcare is seriously lacking. To illustrate the magnitude of the crisis, it is estimated that by the year 2010 over 80 million people could be dead of AIDS. That is more than all the military and civilian deaths during World War II.